The elements of the plan succinctly encompass the goals of a number of programmes and scheme for eradication of poverty, generation of employment, improvement in food security and enhancement of nutritional status of vulnerable groups etc. being implemented by various Ministries of the Central Government and the State Governments etc. The Planning Commission is also endeavouring to accommodate the suggestions in the above plan as also recommendations made by other scholars in achieving the goal of making India "a Hunger free region".

Fishing harbours and fish landing centres in Karnataka

1872. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance for construction, repair and renovation of fishing harbour at both major and minor port in the State and fish landing facilities at Belikeri; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard; the amount released, so far, and the amount which remains to be released and the time-frame by which the same is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement showing details of the financial assistance approved and provided by the Union Government to the Government of Karnataka for construction of fishing harbours and fish landing centres including fishing landing facilities at belikeri is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

After scrutiny of the proposals of Government of Karnataka for repair and renovation of six fishing harbours namely, Malpe, Bhatkal, Honnavar, Tadri, Karwar, Mangalore and one fish landing centre at Kodibengre, the State Government has been requested in December, 2001 to submit detailed proposals in accordance with the provisions of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme with inclusion of relevant technical details/drawings, firm and realistic cost estimate and project completion period.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the fishing harbour/fish landing centre	Approved Project Cost	Year sanction	Financial assistance provided	Balance Central assistance (within the approved cost)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Fishing Harbours			
1.	Karwar stage-I	29.60	4/1968	29.60	Nil	Completed
2.	Honnavar	45.99	6/73	45.99	Nil	Completed
3.	Tadri	638.02	12/82	319.01	Nil	Completed
4.	Mangalore stage-I	90.00	12/78	45.00	Nil	Completed
5.	Malpe stage I	426.00	4/76	426.00	Nil	Completed
6.	Malpe II	1196.70	2/96	598.35	Nil	Completed
7.	Gangolli	832.00	3/2000	106.56	309.44	Under Construction
8.	Mangalore Stage-II	75.00	9/97	37.50	Nil	Under Construction
9	Karwar Stage-II	130.00	3/98	64.89	0.11	Under Construction
			Fish Landing Centres			
1.	Coondapur	1.00	1966-67	1.00	—	Completed
2.	Kangal Heni	1.05	1966-67	1.05	—	Completed
3.	Gangolli	3.71	1972-73	3.71	—	Completed
4.	Belikeri	0.99	1969-70	0.99	—	Completed
5.	Keni	0.99	1969-70	0.99	—	Completed
6.	Bhatkal	2.00	1966-67	2.00	—	Completed
7.	Moolky	0.10	1967-68	0.10	—	Completed
8.	Sadasivgad	0.99	1969-70	0.99	—	Completed
9.	Belambar	0.99	1969-70	0.99	—	Completed
10.	Kodibengra	55.50	3/93	27.50	—	Completed
11.	Alvekodi FLC	89.53	3/95	10.00	34.765	Construction works stopped halfway by the State.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12.	Belikeri	67.40	8/97	25.00	8.70	Work yet to be commenced by the State
13.	Hejmadikodi	95.00	1/95	47.50	Nil	90% of the project works completed
	TOTAL	3782.56		1794.72	353.015	

Import of milk powder

†1873. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board had imported milk powder, if so, the quantity thereof and the time when such import was made alongwith the countries from which it was made and also the urgency of such import;

(b) whether the Prime Minister also expressed his protest on import of milk powder; if so, the reasons for such import; and

(c) the per kilogram import price of milk powder alongwith the existing price of milk powder in domestic market and the amount involved in this deal alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. NDDB has placed order for import of about 9460 MT milk powder under Tariff Rate Quota to augment domestic supplies. The contracts for import of milk powder were awarded between end August and mid September 2003. Most of the imported milk powder consignments have already reached the country. The countries of origin of contracted milk powder are European Union, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Uruguay. The need for import of powder arose due to acute shortage of milk resulting from acute drought conditions prevailing continuously during last three years in various States, delayed and poor calving of milch animals and also shortage of feed and fodder.

(b) No, sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.